


Memo

To: File – McGregor School
From: Gene Pabst 
CC:
Date: 04/27/06
Re: Smoke test, flush, and TV City and private line

On Thursday April 27, 2006 (7:00A.M.) a sewer maintenance crew smoked the City sanitary sewer line where McGregor School connects. The school is attached to the manhole in Madison St. Nothing was found as a result of smoking the line. Spfld. Public Schools Maintenance Dept. had approximately 15 people there checking for smoke in the school and on the roof. After smoking the sewer line it was flushed by a sewer maintenance crew. When they started to flush north out of the City manhole they hit something and then the hose went on up the line. They flushed 120'. The TV crew televised the line and only went 3' and found that the City line had been abandoned when the school was built and the school connects into the short stub of the City line that was left. The line under the building apparently was eliminated when the school was built.

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From: Pabst, Gene
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 4:30 PM
To: Lyman, Randy; Palicki, Erin
Subject: RE: Complaint via Region VII EPA

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Lyman, Randy Delivered: 4/7/2006 4:30 PM Read: 4/7/2006 5:06 PM
Palicki, Erin Delivered: 4/7/2006 4:30 PM Read: 4/10/2006 7:05 AM

Randy,

I just talked to Jim Dow with Spfld. Public Schools and he was just wanting to up date us on what they are doing. They are going to install the elbows on the interceptor and they are going to have their line televised. He said that when they moved into that building the drains were flowing real slow. Come to find out the contractor had crushed there line, by driving a truck over it, when the building was being built. The contractor came back after school had started and repaired the line over Christmas Break. The contractor removed the floor in the hall way and replaced the line. Jim thought maybe this could be the source of the odor and wanted to TV the line to rule this out.

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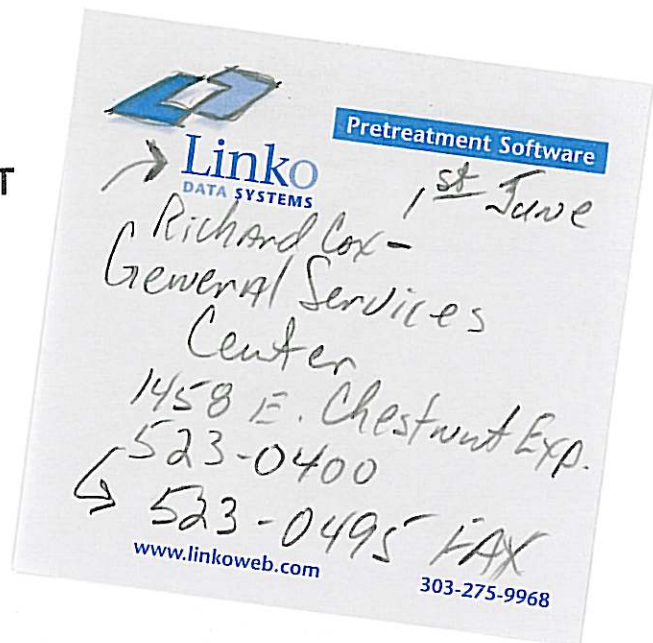


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11:16 A.M.
RP



Date: 4-7-06

Fax #: 523-0495

To: Richard Cox

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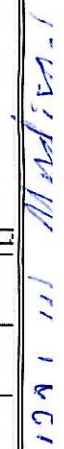
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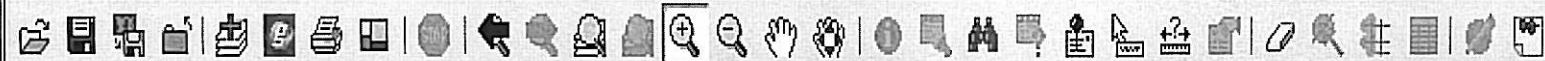
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523-5700

Case #: EXC2002-00391

Name: JESS WOOD PLUMBING

Updated: 08/19/2002 00:00:00 BY:JJET

number	frac	px	name	type	suffix	unit
1221		W	MADISON	ST		

Description: Project: EXC2002-00391,

New sewer hook-up

of Cuts: 1

Status: ISS

On street: MADISON ST

Received By:

From Street: FERGUSON AVE

Received: 08/19/2002

To Street:

Target:

Block # 1200

Issued: 08/19/2002

Contact Name: Larry Jones

Expires: 02/19/2003

Contact phone# 864-1474

Finaled:

Cut #	Type of Work	Cut Description	Lateral Location	Length	Width	Depth	Area
1	CUT	ASPHALT	INST N	11.0	4.0	0	44

Date	Fee	Amount
08/19/2002	Permit fee	\$6.60

Primary?	Name	Role	Address	Phone
Y	JESS WOOD PLUMBING	Contractor	2050 S. CAMPBELL, SPRINGFIELD MO 65807	883-0311

Disp	Date1	Date2	Date3	Action Description	Reviewed By	Created By	Notes
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